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FOR: THERMOPLASTIC COATING  
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AMENDMENT

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Responsive to the Official Action of October 14, 1998, please amend the above-  
identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 1 and 17 to read as follows:

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--1. (Twice Amended) A method of coating and binding an oral or dermal medicinal  
composition, comprising applying a thermoplastic coating and binding agent in a hot-melt  
liquid state at a temperature 100-150°C to said oral or dermal medicinal composition,  
followed by cooling to solidify the thermoplastic coating and binding agent, wherein said  
thermoplastic coating and binding agent consisting essentially of a non-homogeneous mixture  
of, based on 100% by weight of A and B:

A) 5-95% of a thermoplastic acrylic plastic with a melting temperature above room  
temperature and below 200°C, a glass transition temperature below 120°C, and a melt

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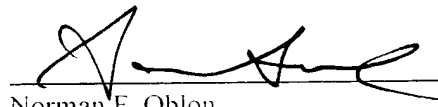
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